

# Climate Smart Communities Certification Report



This is the Climate Smart Communities Certification Report of Hurley, Town (Ulster). Hurley, Town (Ulster) is a bronze certified Climate Smart Community.

Hurley, Town (Ulster) was certified on April 21, 2023 with 137 points earned from 19 completed actions. Listed below is information regarding Hurley, Town (Ulster)'s Climate Smart Communities efforts and materials associated with its certified actions.

The certification for Hurley, Town (Ulster) will expire on September 30, 2028.

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## Actions Implemented


Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Hurley, Town (Ulster) was approved for in 2023 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

### 1. Build a climate-smart community.

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## PE1 Action: CSC Task Force

20 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** During its monthly meeting on the evening of November 23, 2020, the Hurley Town Board adopted Resolution #2020-17. This resolution officially created the Hurley Climate Smart Task Force, outlined its mission, and named Kristen Schara as the Task Force Coordinator. The Task Force was created as a sub-committee of the Hurley Conservation Advisory Committee and was initially composed mostly of CAC members. A copy of the resolution along with a roster of the Task Force is attached including the terms of each participant. The resolution and meeting minutes from 2 Hurley Climate Smart Task Force meetings are also attached. Additional meeting minutes and agendas can be found on the Town of Hurley website at <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force>.

PDF: [HURLEY CSC TASK FORCE RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY CS TASK FORCE ROSTER.PDF](#)


PDF: [22-1219 CSTF MINUTES.PDF](#)

PDF: [CSCTF MEETING MINUTES 4-19-22.PDF](#)

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## PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator

10 Points

 Bronze Mandatory

**Program Summary:** Kristen Schara was designated by the Hurley Town Board as the CSC Task Force Coordinator on November 23, 2020 through Resolution #2020-17 (Attached.) Minutes from the most recent CS Task Force monthly meeting are attached to demonstrate that Kristen Schara is still currently the coordinator.

PDF: [HURLEY CSC TASK FORCE RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

PDF: [22-1219 CSTF MINUTES.PDF](#)

## PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hurley Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) participated in several regional climate programs including: 1) ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA - The Town of Hurley became a member of the ICLEI in the fall of 2021. ICLEI membership provided access to and training on the ClearPath software application for the purpose of completing a Municipal Government Greenhouse Gas Inventory. In addition, the membership provided the Task Force with a wealth of information on innovative national and international efforts to combat and adapt to climate change. Attached is a copy of the ICLEI acceptance email. 2) Local Champions Pilot Program - in January of 2021, Hurley CSTF Coordinator Kristen Schara was chosen to participate in the Local Champions Pilot program created by Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley (previously known as Lifeboats Hudson Valley). The goal of the Local Champions program was to provide support and training for municipalities to achieve Bronze Certification and to grow “general knowledge and skills as they relate to climate change work in the Hudson Valley.” The 6 months intensive program provided participants with a wealth of information on a wide variety of Climate Smart topics by providing frequent webinars with area CSC experts and a thorough CSC action inventory analysis done with representatives of Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension. Attached is the acceptance letter to the Local Champions program. Once the initial Local Champions program was completed, Kristen Schara and the other program alumni continued to meet throughout 2022 with program coordinators to provide feedback and mutual support. 3) NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program - The Hurley CSTF successfully completed a NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Solar Campaign in partnership with the Ulster County Department of the Environment. Attached is the NYSERDA CEC scorecard for Hurley documenting the successful completion of the campaign.

PDF: [HURLEY ICLEI MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.PDF](#)

PDF: [LOCAL CHAMPIONS - WELCOME HURLEY.PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY CEC SCORECARD \(1\).PDF](#)

## PE1 Action: Partnerships with Other Entities

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hurley Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) has successfully partnered with several organizations in the work of addressing climate change. 1) The Hurley CSTF was one of several Ulster County municipalities to partner with the Ulster County Department of the Environment Solarize community solar campaign held in 2021. Hurley's campaign ran from June 9th - July 15th, 2021. The Task Force publicized the campaign and educated the public by posting on the Hurley Climate Smart and town websites, sending a mailer to town residents, hosting a Zoom webinar with the participating Solar vendors and passing out flyers at the town-wide yard sale. Ulster County and Hurley along with the other municipalities exceeded the required enrollments to receive a Clean Energy Community (CEC) action grant from NYSERDA. 2) Hurley CSTF partnered with the Ulster County Community College Science Department to provide an internship for an Earth Science or Biology student. Task Force member Lynne Bailey worked with UCCC biology professor Michael Boms, who is also a Hurley Town Board member, to create a 3-credit Independent Study project for one student. The intern assisted with developing the information and completing our Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory. She also assisted the CSTF coordinator with locating and gathering the data needed for our municipal GHG report. Attached is the Independent Study Proposal and the student intern's final report. 3) CSTF member Lynne Bailey completed Cornell Extension's Climate Stewards Class in December of 2021. Go to <https://climatestewards.cornell.edu/> for a description of the program that meets quarterly with fellow graduates across the state of New York under the direction of Allison M. Chatrchyan. More information about program can be found at this link: <https://climatestewards.cornell.edu/news-insights/52-ny-stewards-trained-to-work-on-local-climate-change-projects/> 4) In both 2021 and 2022 the Hurley CSTF participated in the planning, delivery of materials, and volunteered for several shifts at the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee's Climate Solutions Center exhibit tables at the Ulster County Fair. The fair is held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in Libertyville NY during the end of July and the first weekend in August. Attached are photos of the informational binders and exhibits created by Hurley CSTF member Lynne Bailey for the fair. The Hurley CSTF also publicized the Climate Solutions Center by posting on the Hurley Climate Smart Facebook page.

PDF: [SOLARIZEFLYER01.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [SOLARIZEHURLEYScreenshot.PNG](#)

PDF: [CSTF PROPOSED INTERN-IND STUDY.PDF](#)

PDF: [COPY OF LEGGE,FELICIA 2022 CLIMATECHANGEOVERVIEW - GOOGLE DOCS.PDF](#)

PDF: [BAILEY-CORNELL CLIMATE STEWARDS CERTIFICATES\\_FALL 2021.PDF](#)



PDF: [ULSTER COUNTY FAIR MATERIALS.PDF](#)

## 2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.

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### PE2 Action: Government Operations GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** The Hurley Climate Smart Task Force used the Local Government Operations Protocol (LGOP), and the ClearPath GHG Inventory Tool provided by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability to inventory GHG emissions from government operations, its buildings, and sites. Most of the activity data came from Central Hudson Gas and Electric bills and invoices quantifying heating and vehicle fuel purchases. An initial draft was presented to the town at the monthly Town Board meeting on June 29th, 2022, and posted on the Town and Climate Smart Hurley websites for public viewing. The original PowerPoint presentation to the Board is attached. Subsequently GHG emissions from the town's capped landfill were estimated using US EPA's LandGEM modeling tool and this data was presented to the Board and the public at the monthly Board workshop meeting on December 13, 2022. A news bulletin was posted on the Town of Hurley website to alert the public of the updated inventory. The updated Hurley Municipal GHG Inventory is attached and is posted for the public on the Town of Hurley (<https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force> and <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force/pages/documents>) and the Hurley Climate Smart websites (<https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/hurley-ghg-inventories>). As stated in the Hurley LGO GHG Inventory, the Town has already taken steps since the baseline year of 2019 to reduce municipal GHG emission; by installing heat pumps at Town Hall, purchasing an electric vehicle and installing a charging station for example. Recognizing that the solid waste emissions results between the Hurley municipal and community GHG inventories do not correlate with each other, the Hurley CSTF together with Town officials plan to consult with state and federal agencies to better understand this sector and for guidance on how to address landfill GHG emissions. The Hurley Town Board together with the Climate Smart Task Force are committed to using the Hurley Municipal GHG Inventory to help inform and shape sustainability goals relating to climate change in the Town's Comprehensive Plan which is currently under revision.

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PDF: [HURLEY LGO GHG INVENTORY PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

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### PE2 Action: Community GHG Inventory

16 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** This Community GHG Inventory report was produced by the Town of Hurley Climate Smart Task Force. A preliminary copy was shared with the public on March 8 via an announcement on the Town's website. The report was formally presented to the Town Board on March 22, 2022. Here is a link to the Climate Smart Hurley website where the Community GHG Inventory Report has been posted for viewing by the public: [http://climatesmarthurley.org/GHG\\_inventories](http://climatesmarthurley.org/GHG_inventories). The inventory report is attached. A link to the report is also posted on the new Town of Hurley website at <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force> and <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force/pages/documents>. Also attached is an educational analysis of the inventory results presented to the Town Board. The Hurley Town Board together with the Climate Smart Task Force are committed to using the Hurley Community GHG Inventory to help inform and shape sustainability goals relating to climate change in the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code which are currently under revision.

PDF: [HURLEY COMM GHG INVENTORYFINAL..PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY COMMGHG SUMMARYGRAPHIC.PDF](#)


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### 3. Decrease energy use.

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#### PE3 Action: Government Building Energy Audits

10 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** In May of 2022, the Town of Hurley contracted with Daylight Savings Company to perform ASHRAE Level-1 energy audits of Town Hall and the former Hurley Library which had recently reverted to town ownership when the library moved to a new location. Attached is a list of Town owned buildings and structures. The Highway Department Garage was not included in the audit due to the planned replacement of the aging facility. The other town structures included on the list are unheated, use comparatively little energy and were not audited. Given that the Town Hall and former library building represent more than 25% of the number of the buildings owned and operated by the town, the Hurley CS Task Force is requesting 10 points for this action. Daylight Savings Company is certified as a NYSERDA Flextech consultant located in Goshen, NY as listed here: <https://www.nyseda.ny.gov/Contractors/Find-a-Contractor/FlexTech-Consultants>. The attached audit reports were received by the Town on June 29, 2022.

PDF: [HURLEY ENERGY AUDIT OF TOWN HALL.PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY ENERGY AUDIT OLD LIBRARY.PDF](#)

PDF: [TOWN OF HURLEY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Green Building Standard for Government Buildings

2 Points

**Program Summary:** The Climate Smart Task Force is requesting 2 points for the Green Building Policy Standard titled High Performance Green Standards. The policy which applies to new construction of municipal buildings was adopted by the Hurley Town Board on August 30, 2022. This policy incorporates the existing U.S. Green Building Council's LEED BD+C™ rating system and requires that all new buildings adhere to a minimum of LEED Silver. A copy of the resolution #2022-104 which defines the policy is attached.

PDF: [GREEN BUILDING STANDARD POLICY.PDF](#)

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#### PE3 Action: Fleet Inventory

4 Points

**Program Summary:** By updating our fleet inventory on a regular basis, the Town of Hurley can better identify which vehicles are the least fuel-efficient and in order to develop a plan to replace them with vehicles that serve the same function but are more efficient. In general, good fleet management improves efficiency, reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and saves taxpayer money. Inventories from the Highway Dept and Town Hall were aggregated in the attached spreadsheet. The town has 6-vehicles under 8,500 GVWR, one of which is an EV, that will be subject to a municipal fleet efficiency policy. Other vehicles are over that weight and qualify as heavy-duty vehicles and exempt from such a policy. The Town of Hurley Fleet Inventory will be updated annually by editing this spreadsheet. The CSTF will connect with the Highway Department and the Supervisor's office to make changes and distribute as needed.

EXCEL: [2022-SEP HURLEYVEHICLEINV.XLSX](#)

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### PE3 Action: Advanced Vehicles

2 Points

**Program Summary:** We are requesting 2 points for the purchase and deployment of a plug in electric vehicle by the Town of Hurley. The purchase of a 2020 Chevy Bolt was authorized on April 20, 2020 when the Hurley Town Board adopted resolution #2020-80 (attached). The Bolt was purchased to be used by Town staff including the Clerk, Assessor and Building Code Enforcement officer. Attached are a photo of the vehicle charging in Hurley Town Hall parking lot and the NYSERDA Clean Fleets Certification Form for the vehicle. The attached recent screenshot of the Chargepoint charging station online dashboard demonstrates that the vehicle is currently in use.

PDF: [HURLEY RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE EV.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [PHOTO OF HURLEY EV.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [HURLEY EV CHARGING RECORD.PNG](#)

EXCEL: [CLEAN-FLEETS-CERTIFICATION-FORM.XLSX](#)

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### PE3 Action: Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy

4 Points

**Program Summary:** The Climate Smart Task force wrote an environmentally preferable purchasing policy for the Town of Hurley and an amendment to the Town of Hurley's Procurement Policy (Chapter 35 of the Town Code) was ratified into Local Law 5 on October 25, 2022. Hurley is requesting 4 points for adopting this policy which includes energy efficiency standards based on the US EPA Energy Star program, recycled materials standards, locally produced/organic good standards, and forest stewardship standards. A copy of the local law filing which contains the policy is attached. Information about the Energy Star program and listings of qualified products can be found at <https://www.energystar.gov/>.

PDF: [HURLEY ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING LAW.PDF](#)

## 4. Shift to clean, renewable energy.

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### PE4 Action: Heat Pumps

9 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hurley CS Task Force is requesting 9 points for the installation of two Mitsubishi SU Z-KA30NAHZ and two Mitsubishi PUZ-HA42NKA ductless heat pumps at the Hurley Town Hall which was completed by Jeff Lowe Plumbing Heating A/C, Inc. of Kingston on October 28, 2021. The installer is a NYSERD A Air Source Heat Pump Program participating contractor (<https://portal.nyseda.ny.gov/apex/findacontractor> ASHP). The Town issued a press release about this action on April 13, 2022. An informational narrative regarding the benefits of the heat pumps was posted on our website at <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/heatpumps>. A link to the Hurley Climate Smart heat pump webpage was also added to the town website (<https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force>). Along with this narrative, we are submitting: 1) Recent photos (dated December 27, 2022) of the heat pumps at the town hall demonstrating that they are in use and also the specification plate on each heat pump; 2) The signed voucher for the installation which includes the equipment and installation specifications; 3) Photos of the education signage we produced to inform the community which show the sign posted outside the Clerk's office in Town Hall; and 4) A copy of the press release issued from the Supervisor's office announcing the installation.

PDF: [HURLEY TH HEAT PUMP PHOTOS.PDF](#)

PDF: [HEAT PUMP PMT VOUCHER AND PROPOSAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY TH HEAT PUMP SIGNAGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [PRESS RELEASE HEAT PUMPS \(1\).PDF](#)

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### PE4 Action: Solar Energy Installation

14 Points

**Program Summary:** We are requesting 14 points for a 26 kW Solar PV Ground Mount Array that was installed at Hurley Town Hall in July, 2015. The array consists of 100 LG Electronics Solar Cell Division 260W panels, 100 Enphase M250 Microinverters and 1 Enphase Envoy Communications Gateway. It was installed by Kasselman Solar of Poughkeepsie, NY. Kasselman Solar is a designated NYSEDA Quality Installer (<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/ny-sun/solar-for-your-home/how-to-go-solar/find-a-contractor/residential-installers>). In order to educate the public, an article about the installation was published in the Town Newsletter (attached). A story subsequently appeared in the Kingston Daily Freeman newspaper on July 28, 2015 (attached). An educational sign about the array is posted outside the Hurley Town Clerk's office in the main hallway at Town Hall as demonstrated in the attached photos. The system is designed to produce 110 percent of the Town Hall's annual electrical needs. Real time performance data can be viewed at [https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/pv/public\\_systems/Yy48666548/overview](https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/pv/public_systems/Yy48666548/overview). A link to the performance data webpage can also be found on the Town website at <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force>. Please refer to the attached purchase and design documents for a copy of Resolution #2014-118 which authorized payment to Kasselman Solar and the final drawings containing an equipment list for the array.

PDF: [SOLAR ARRAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE.PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY TOWN HALL'S SOLAR ENERGY ARRAY - DAILY FREEMAN.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [SOLAR ARRAY SIGN OUTSIDE CLERKS OFFICE.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [HURLEYSOLARARRAY EDUCATIONAL SIGN.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [SOLAR ARRAY SIGN ON TH BULLETIN BOARD.JPG](#)

PDF: [SOLAR ARRAY PURCHASE AND DESIGN DOCS.PDF](#)

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## 6. Implement climate-smart land use.

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### PE6 Action: Alternative-fuel Infrastructure

6 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** We are requesting a total of 6 points for installation of a Chargepoint level 2 CT4020-H D Dual Port electric vehicle charging station at the Hurley Town Hall parking lot (4 points). Installation was completed on February 3, 2020 and the charging station was activated on April 9, 2020. This charging station is available for public use at any time (2 points). Please refer to the photo of the charging station attached. The attached screenshot from the US Dept. of Energy's Alternative Fueling Station Locator (<https://afdc.energy.gov/stations/#/station/155285>) demonstrates that the charging station is currently active and available to the public as of January 2023.

IMAGE: [TOWN HALL CHARGING STATION.JPG](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT OF HURLEY CHARGING STATION.PNG](#)



PDF: [HURLEY CHARGING STATION INSTALL INVOICE.PDF](#)

## 7. Enhance community resilience to climate change.

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### PE7 Action: Evaluate Policies for Climate Resilience

6 Points

 Bronze Priority  Silver Priority

**Program Summary:** We are requesting 6 points for completing an assessment of the Town of Hurley's resilience to climate change. The assessment was led by Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) personnel using the Climate Smart Resiliency Planning (CSRP) Tool. The tool was used as a framework to catalog and examine Town and County planning documents, activities and management policies with the goal of evaluating the municipality's preparedness for severe weather and the adverse effects of climate change. CCE personnel engaged with the Town Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Superintendent and the Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator to complete the assessment. The completed CSRP Tool assessment was presented to the Town Board on June 28, 2021. The CSRP spreadsheet and a final report, dated April 6, 2021 are attached. Consequently, the Hurley Climate Smart Task Force and the Town of Hurley have successfully implemented several recommendations from the report by launching new websites which incorporate features detailed on pages 2 and 3 of the final report (refer to <https://www.townofhurley.org/> and <https://www.climate-smarthurley.org/>). Further, the Town and the Climate Smart Task Force are committed to incorporating many of the recommendations from the CSRP tool assessment as they apply to the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code which are currently under revision.

PDF: [FINAL CSRP TOOL TOWN OF HURLEY.PDF](#)

PDF: [RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TOWN OF HURLEY.PDF](#)

## 8. Support a green innovation economy.

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### PE8 Action: Community Campaigns

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hurley CS Task Force is requesting 3 points for the Solarize Hurley community solar campaign that was held from June 9th - July 15th, 2021. The attached NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Scorecard demonstrates successful completion of the campaign. Also attached is notification email from NYS ERDA regarding approval of Hurley's Community Campaign submission for Community Solar dated August 6 , 2021. The Town subsequently applied for and received a \$5,000 NYSERDA Action Grant which was used to fund municipal building energy audits.

PDF: [GMAIL - NOTIFICATION - NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES - TOWN OF HURLEY - COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS - COMMUNITY SOLAR.PDF](#)

PDF: [HURLEY CEC SCORECARD COMMUNITY SOLAR.PDF](#)

## 9. Inform and inspire the public.

## PE9 Action: Climate-related Public Events

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hurley Climate Smart Task Force is requesting 3 points for work on 3 climate related public events. 1) On October 10, 2021, the Hurley Climate Smart Task Force (CSTF) held a town-wide event titled the Hurley Greener Living Car Show and Expo at Hurley Town Hall. The topics addressed included climate change facts and mitigation options, pollinator gardens, heat pumps and EV/hybrid cars. Activities included a car show consisting of electric and hybrid vehicles owned by Hurley residents, planting a pollinator garden and handing out seed packets to take home, presentations about climate change, Climate Smart Communities, heat pump installation and the proposed NYSEDA Stretch Energy Code. The use of the Town Hall and parking lot was approved by the Hurley Town Board during the August 16, 2021 board meeting. Several area organizations provided materials and in some cases presenters including Cornell Extension (Master Gardener, Energy Navigator), Sustainable Hudson Valley, Citizens' Climate Lobby Mid-Hudson Chapter-19, Clearwater, UCCRA, Central Hudson and UC DOE. Three Town Board members and the Highway Superintendent participated in the event. Attached is a detailed report on the expo and a report on the EV Car Show. 2) In both 2021 and 2022 Hurley CSTF participated in the planning, delivery of materials, and volunteered for several shifts at the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee's Climate Solutions Center exhibit tables at the Ulster County Fair. The fair is held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in Libertyville NY during the end of July and the first weekend in August. Attached are photos of the informational binders and exhibits created by Hurley CSTF member Lynne Bailey for the fair. Also attached is the UC Fair CSC Volunteer schedule for Hurley CSTF members Kristen Schara and Lynne Bailey and links to posts on the Hurley Facebook page about the fair. 3) The Hurley CSTF also had a table exhibiting climate change educational materials at the Hurley Memorial Day Parade Ceremony held on May 30, 2022 at Town Hall. Our presence at the parade allowed us to engage youth and their families who participated that day. Our table included information about the Hurley Conservation Advisory Council and the Climate Smart Task Force, sign up sheets to receive our climate related blog posts, heat pump information and copies of the Hurley municipal and community GHG inventories. We handed out a checklist with ideas on actions individuals can take to reduce their carbon footprint and seeds for pollinator friendly plants. Attached are photos of the table.

PDF: [ELECTRIC HYBRID EXPO REPORT.PDF](#)

PDF: [ULSTER COUNTY FAIR MATERIALS.PDF](#)

PDF: [VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR UC FAIR.PDF](#)

PDF: [NARRATIVE & DOCS GREENERLVGEXPO.PDF](#)

PDF: [MEMORIAL DAY PHOTOS.PDF](#)

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## PE9 Action: Local Climate Action Website

3 Points

**Program Summary:** The Hurley Climate Smart Task Force published the first iteration of our website on April 23, 2021 ( <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/> ). A Hurley CS Task Force webpage and a link to the Climate Smart Hurley website were posted on the new Town of Hurley website when the latter became available in June 2022 (see <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force> ). On the Climate Smart Hurley homepage the components are outlined with links to more information. These include the following: 1) A description of the local government's efforts related to local climate change mitigation and adaptation - See page <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/projects> which links to <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/projecto-1> for town projects. 2) How local residents and businesses can participate in those efforts led by the local government - Community members are invited to monthly meetings. CSTF Agendas and minutes are published on the town's website at: <https://www.townofhurley.org/climate-smart-task-force> . Residents are encouraged to join our mailing list and we email subscribers occasionally about our activities and blog posts. See <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/post/what-we-re-working-on-in-2022> for an example of our News. 3) A summary of actions that residents and businesses in the community can take to reduce their GHG emissions - See page <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/projects> and links to what individuals can do at <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/projecto-2> and <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/p2a-individual>; and what businesses can do at <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/projecto-3> . Newer additions to the website this year include pages on Greenhouse Gas Inventories at <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/hurley-ghg-inventories>, Heat Pumps at <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/heatpumps> and narrative updates on town projects. Hurley's website also includes information and links about climate change and climate science at <https://www.climatesmarthurley.org/projecto-4>. Task Force member Lynne Bailey designed our site and currently updates it as well. Credentials are shared with TF Coordinator Kristen Schara. The same is true for the Town's CSTF webpage. Users are directed to CivicPlus and Wix sites for training materials. Attached are a sampling of CS Hurley webpages and the Hurley CS Task Force webpage on the Town of Hurley website.

IMAGE: [HURLEY CSTF WEBSITE - WHAT THE CSTF IS DOING.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [HURLEY CSTF WEBSITE - WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [TOWN OF HURLEY CS WEBPAGE.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [HURLEY CSTF WEBSITE - HEAT PUMPS.PNG](#)

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## PE9 Action: Social Media

3 Points

**Program Summary:** Since June 2021, the Climate Smart Task Force of Hurley has managed a Facebook account to share information with the public about clean energy, climate solutions, local environmental and climate-related events, and the work of the town of Hurley's Climate Smart Task Force. Our Facebook page can be found at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/HurleyClimateSmart>. We have posted information on various topics such as our town's greenhouse gas inventory and Comprehensive Plan revision, the Hurley Solarize campaign, local composting webinars, the Climate Smart Solutions booth at the Ulster County Fair, the benefit of heat pumps, and national climate news. Attached are screenshots of some of these posts from the last year and a copy of the Town of Hurley Social Media Policy.

IMAGE: [HURLEY FB POST COMP PLAN.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [HURLEY FB POST HEAT PUMPS.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [HURLEY FB POST UC FAIR.PNG](#)

PDF: [HURLEY SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.PDF](#)